Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Fighting fires is one of the most hazardous professions, requiring physical strength, stamina, extensive training, courage, and selfless concern for the welfare of our citizens; and,

Whereas, In addition to their daily service to communities, firefighters throughout the state and across the nation have joined the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) for the past several years in the fight against neuromuscular diseases; and,

Whereas, "Fill the Boot" campaigns will assist MDA in providing medical services at local clinics, summer camps, research grants, support groups, and public education seminars at no cost to local children and families; and,

Whereas, In honor of the efforts of the firefighters of South Dakota, the MDA is sponsoring South Dakota Firefighter Appreciation Week for the week of September 1–7, 2008, to enhance the understanding of neuromuscular diseases and to encourage participation in voluntary activities to support education programs, medical services, and the funding of research to find a cure; and,

Whereas, It is appropriate for all South Dakota citizens to join the MDA in this tribute to our firefighters; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 1-7, 2008, as

FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State